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TAGS: SOCI, GY
SUBJECT: PUBLIC SERVICES IN GEORGETOWN - FURTHER DETERIORATION

1. RECENT WEEKS HAVE SEEN FURTHER DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES THAT THE GOG HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR ITS CITIZENS. A GRAPHIC EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS PROVIDED BY A RECENT SERIES OF ELECTRICITY BLACKOUTS THAT HAVE HIT GEORGETOWN. MOST OF GEORGETOWN'S ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED BY THE KINGSTON POWER PLANT WHICH NORMALLY HAS THREE OIL FIRED BOILERS IN OPERATION. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER ONE BOILER HAS BEEN OFF STREAM FOR THE PAST WEEK WHICH NECESSITATED SOME LOAD SHEDDING OVER THE GEORGETOWN AREA. ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 13 THE NUMBER TWO BOILER FAILED AND MOST CITY AREAS AND SURROUNDING TOWNS WERE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS FOR SEVERAL HOURS. DUE TO THE GREAT HEAT IN THE NUMBER TWO BOILER, TECHNICIANS WERE NOT ABLE TO REPAIR IT FOR TWO DAYS. THROUGHOUT THIS TIME VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY EXPERIENCED PERIODIC POWER SHORTAGES. THE MACHINERY WAS FINALLY REPAIRED AT 6:45 PM ON MARCH 15 AND SERVICE RETURNED TO NORMAL. WORK IS CONTINUING
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ON THE NUMBER ONE BOILER.

2. COMMENT: GUYANESE CONTINUE TO REMAIN OUTWARDLY CALM IN THE FACE OF THESE DIFFICULTIES. NO REPORTS OF VIOLENCE OR LOOTING WERE MADE DURING THE BLACKOUTS. NEVERTHELESS, THE DECLINE IN PUBLIC SERVICES CANNOT HELP BUT BE A CATALYST IN SPEEDING A FURTHER EROSION OF GUYANESE PUBLIC

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